



In tribute to Miss Barton, her Dansville neighbors organized, August 22, 1881, the "Dansville Society of the Red Cross," which now bears her name and is designated as Chapter No. 1.



AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

CLARA BARTON CHAPTER NO. 1

57 ELIZABETH STREET

DANSVILLE, N.Y.

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January 14, 1963

Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, D.D.
Director
The Hall of Fame for Great Americans
830 Park Avenue
New York 21, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Sockman:

On January 10 we sent you, by registered mail, a three-page letter (with two additional pages of quotations), in which we nominated Clara Barton for a place in the Hall of Fame.

The return receipt which we had requested was dated "1/12" and came to us bearing the name of "George Filippidis" as the addressee's agent. Your name did not appear on the receipt, although the blank for signature or name of addressee carries the notation, "must always be filled in."

By asking for a return receipt, we had hoped to avoid asking you for any other acknowledgment. However, under the circumstances, we shall feel uneasy if no further word is received.

The letter was signed by our chapter chairman, the Rev. John C. O'Donnell, but in response to the present letter, I would suggest that you address me, as indicated on the return envelope. Father O'Donnell has a parish outside of Dansville, although within the chapter area. I am in close touch with the Chapter House, and the Executive Secretary lets me know when mail is waiting there for me.

If Mr. Filippidis is authorized to sign for registered mail addressed to you, you will doubtless wish to explain to him that he should sign (or write) your name above his own. In this instance, I should say that the "delivering employee" was definitely at fault, also, in accepting the receipt with a blank not filled in. There is now no indication that the mail was even intended for you. Of course, if something has happened to the original, we can see that you get another copy, and will want to do so.

I am purposely sending this in an envelope on which my own name and mailing address are given, so as to avoid having the second envelope look like the one which was registered.

Sincerely yours,
W.D. Conklin

Public Information Chairman

[The Chapter House is a Memorial to Emma Hartman Noyes, a Charter Member of the Chapter. It was her home for many years. In 1949, it was presented to the American Red Cross by her sons and daughter—
Nicholas H. Noyes, Jansen Noyes, and Katherine F. Noyes.]

WDConklin
cc: Exec.Sec'y